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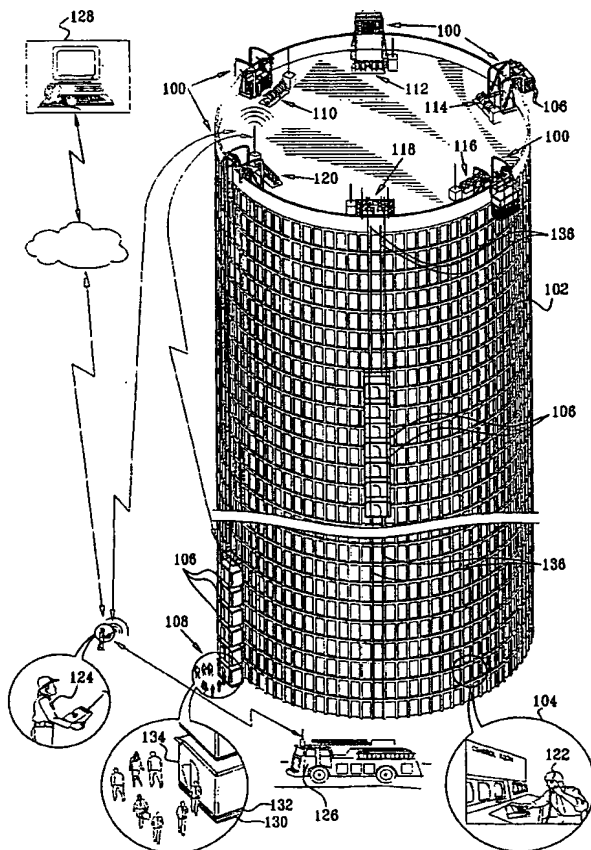
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(57) **Abstract:** An evacuation system for a building including at least one selectably lowerable, collapsible, generally vertical transporter arranged for selectable communication with at least one floor of a building and a controller for selectably lowering at least one platform of the transporter from the at least one floor to a level at which egress of persons may safely occur.